

HAS \$11,250,000 FOR WAGING A RATE WAR

Hamburg-American Line Concludes 1913 With Big Reserve Fund for Emergencies.

CABIN RATES MAY BE CUT Fares as Low as \$50 on the First Class Liners Are Predicted.

Special Cable Despatches to The Sun. **Berlin, Jan. 26.**—The directors of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company met today and declared a dividend of 10 per cent. for the year 1913. The report of the business of the company for 1913 showed earnings of \$15,000,000, as compared with \$12,500,000 for the previous year.

In a statement to the correspondent of The Sun an official of the line said that in view of the North Atlantic steamship rate situation the year had been extremely satisfactory, and despite the prospects of a rate war the outlook for 1914 was bright.

After the payment of the 10 per cent. dividend for 1913 there is a surplus of \$12,250,000 for the reserve fund. The directors decided to add part of this sum to a fund which will be used to meet the expected severe competition during the coming year and the probable rate war. At the end of the fiscal year the company, aside from its reserves, has at its disposal \$12,000,000.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Anglo-American steamship lines have decided to take part in the rate war which is a result of the dissolution of the transatlantic pool. The White Star and Cunard companies announced today a reduction of \$4 in east-bound steamer rates and \$2.50 in the west-bound figures. These cuts were made to meet the new schedule of rates announced by the Hamburg-American Line about a week ago.

First Gun Fired January 3.

It was said yesterday at the local offices of several of the steamship lines that the rate war would be directed from the home offices of the Hamburg-American and the lines in opposition. The first gun of the war was really fired on January 3, when there was a reduction of east-bound steamer rates from \$25 to \$22.50 and a proportionate reduction of west-bound rates. The North German Lloyd, which is recognized as the leader of the opposition against the Hamburg-American Line, was the first to meet this reduction begun by the Hamburg-American Line. All the other lines followed suit. The rates applied uniformly to all steamships, including those of the Olympic, Imperator and Lusitania class.

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Stubborn Fight Predicted.

The Hamburg Line sent out the substance of the cable despatch printed above, which was read with interest by representatives of the lines that are in opposition. They seemed to see in the declaration, in view of the present competition, particularly in the North Atlantic trade, the special fund reserved for such purposes would be considerably increased and new reserves created which will surpass those heretofore in existence. A distinct intention of the Hamburg-American Line to put up a stubborn fight.

The question of how the combined lines are going to bring the Hamburg-American Line to its knees has been under discussion for several months. It may be recalled that all the big transatlantic companies have been under investigation for combining against the Uranium Steamship Line, which was not in the pool and could not get in it. The method of downing the opposition in this case, it was alleged, was to put in service a steamship of better speed and accommodation than the Uranium liner and thus attract passengers from her.

It is altogether likely that the North German Lloyd will be assisted in the fight that it ostensibly will be making alone for a time by the other lines, including the American, the White Star, the Cunard, the Holland-America, Anchor and Red Star, and that a legal way may be found to concentrate in a few ships losses due to the war, which will be divided among the lines. No such scheme is likely to be put in force until after the cuts in steamer rates have gone down to profitless figures and the war has begun in earnest in cabin rates.

ALFONSO'S VISIT DENIED.

Impossible for King to Go to Argentina Next Summer.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. **PARIS, Jan. 26.**—A Madrid despatch to the Temps quotes Premier Dato as saying that it will be impossible for King Alfonso to make a visit to Argentina next summer, although such a trip would be beneficial to both countries and agreeable to the King and the Spanish Government.

Replying to the request of the Spanish colony in Argentina that it be allowed representation in the Cortes the Premier declared that such an innovation would necessitate a change in the Spanish constitution. The same reply, Premier Dato said, would be given to the Spanish colonies in Cuba and Mexico, which intend to make a similar request.

WON'T FIGHT AGAINST ULSTER

Report British Officers Will Refuse to Take Up Arms.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. **LONDON, Jan. 26.**—The oft repeated Unionist statement that British officers would refuse to act against Ulster in the event of their being ordered to enforce the provisions of the home rule bill received, according to the Aberdeen Free Press, confirmation at the annual reunion of Capt. Gordon Highlanders at Aberdeen. Capt. Brooke in a speech on this occasion said: "I am a staunch Unionist and will never give way to anybody who attempts the disintegration of the empire."

Lieut. Col. Reith broke in and added: "There is the best reason to believe that a good many of us will perhaps be alongside Ellis that day, ever come."

NO AMERICAN LOAN TO TURKS.

Greece Gets \$100,000,000 in Paris, According to Report.

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L'Information, a financial paper, says the report printed to-day that Turkey has secured a loan from American financiers is untrue. This story was sent from Vienna to Reuters and the amount was said to be from \$120,000,000 to \$140,000,000. According to the story it was secured by economic concessions along the Trebizond Railway with the right to work the mineral deposits for thirty miles on each side of the line.

La Liberté says M. Vassilios, the Greek Premier, has procured a loan here of \$100,000,000. The first portion of the loan will be issued in the middle of March. The issuance of the Turkish loan of \$120,000,000 has been postponed until May.

COAL STRIKE ALMOST OVER.

LONDON, However, Now Faces Lockout in the Building Trades.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. **LONDON, Jan. 26.**—The coal strike continues, but it is not having the same effect in all sections. Some parts of London are almost without coal, while others are not affected, as numbers of non-union men are working under police protection.

The coal porters union has withdrawn the ban from the hospitals so far as the delivery of coal to these institutions is concerned, but has stipulated that the "privilege shall not be abused."

The very poor people who buy the smallest quantities of fuel are the worst sufferers by the strike, which, it is generally predicted, will soon be over.

On the other hand the lockout in the building trades, because the men refused to work with non-unionists, threatens to become worse, as the allied trades threaten to strike in sympathy with their fellow workmen. These allied trades take in all grades of electrical work, including light and power. Trouble is also brewing with the marine engineers, boiler makers and shipwrights.

ATTACK ON BARON MAKINO.

Japanese Minister Accused of Getting U. S. to Edit Land Speech.

TOKYO, Jan. 26.—The excitement over the California alien and land laws and the recent disclosures of grafting by Japanese naval officers in connection with contracts with a German electrical firm continues and the Government is being attacked on all sides. In Japanese matters came up in the House of Representatives during the discussion of the budget today. Saburo Shimada, one of the most prominent of the members of the Opposition, made a speech in which he declared that the Japanese Government had shown the recent speech of Baron Makino, the Foreign Minister, on the subject of the California land law, to the American Government before its delivery in the Japanese Parliament. He said this statement had been made by special correspondents of Japanese newspapers in the United States, and if it were true it would be injurious to Japan's national dignity.

Baron Makino denied that he had submitted his speech to the Washington authorities. Japan, he said, was doing her best to reach a solution of the California question. In regard to the naval scandal with which the name of Vice-Admiral Fujii, formerly Japanese naval attaché at Berlin, has been connected, the Foreign Secretary has denied that he had requested a report on the subject from the Japanese Ambassador at Berlin. The newspapers demand a thorough investigation of the allegations of grafting, declaring that the honor of the Japanese navy is at stake.

TO ATTACK AUSTRIA-HUNGARY?

Report of Serbo-Rumanian Treaty for That Purpose.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—La Petite République says a treaty was made between Serbia and Rumania last year which had for its object the breaking up of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in case the latter country intervened in favor of Bulgaria during the recent Balkan war. The arrangement, according to the newspaper, was known to both Germany and Russia, who were to have a share in the spoils.

75 DEAD IN MOVIE FIRE.

58 Children Caught in Picture Theatre at Surabaya, Java.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A despatch received here from Surabaya, Java, says that seventy-five persons met death there to-day in a fire in a moving picture theatre. Fifty-eight of the dead were children and sixteen were women. One man perished.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

MANILA.—Part of the Manila Exposition buildings were destroyed by fire. The loss is put at \$250,000.

MADRID.—An amicable settlement having been effected the strikers at the Rio Tinto mines returned to work.

MELBOURNE.—Positive assurances were given that the Australian States of Victoria and New South Wales and New Zealand will be represented at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

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WOMAN HELPS 'DUKE' DENY HE IS BOGUS

Mrs. Springer Says "Warren-Surrey" Title Is Genuine and That He's Nice.

TALKS, TOO, OF DUELS But She Makes It Clear That F. Cunliffe-Owen Won't Get Challenge.

It appears now that the "Duke of Warren-Surrey," one "Rene Francois Joseph de Warren," is a very much nicer and more worthy young man than any one would have thought from the things the ship news reporters quoted him as saying when he arrived in this country on the French liner Provence on January 20. He is also very much superior to the idea given of him by a statement from F. Cunliffe-Owen, the writer, published in The Sun last Saturday morning. He says so himself.

Since then, with the ship news reporters had the "Duke" saying that he came here to contract a marriage with a rich American girl. Right on top of this Mr. Cunliffe-Owen, who has had a part in exposing the pretensions of several fortune hunters boasting false titles, said that "Warren-Surrey" was like unto those others.

Of course this made the "Duke" perfectly furious. He called up The Sun by telephone. Yesterday afternoon another phone message asked that a reporter be sent to the Hotel Gotham to see Mrs. Emil Springer, who talks to the "Duke" in his only medium being the French language. So the reporter went and saw Mrs. Springer, likewise the "Duke" himself.

Woman Defends "Duke." Mrs. Springer, who was found in the Red Room of the hotel, was seated on a huge lounge practically surrounded by reporters, all of whom were waiting to see the "Duke." She is a good looking woman of middle age, and speaks English with a decided accent, though she said she had lived in this country for twenty odd years. The wife of an American banker, it appears that she belongs to a very noble French family and that the "Duke of Warren-Surrey" is a dear friend of hers, hence her interest in the young man.

"Warren-Surrey" is an almost unbelievably good sort of a chap, according to Mrs. Springer, whose opinion was reinforced a few minutes later by the "Duke" himself. He, he it said, was dressed in an afternoon coat, light pencil striped gray trousers, light gray topped patent leather shoes, a black and white striped shirt and a green bow tie with a large green stockpin stuck in diagonally. His profuse black mustache and curled ebony locks enhanced the interest of his appearance.

"The Duke," began Mrs. Springer, "is of course of noble family. The base slanders of him here are [several lines of French exclamations] and this Mr. Owen, what should he do this for when it is a good young man like the Duke? Why, mon ami, for the last twelve years this young man, the Duke, has not been out of his house in Paris after half past 9 o'clock of the evening. When he has wished to go to the theatre with his mamma and his sister he has gone to the matinee. Ah, you can scarcely imagine how greatly good is this young man! Why, so good is he that the society of Paris calls him 'The Priest'."

Tells How Good He Is. Mrs. Springer laughed with pleasure that her young friend was so aptly called "The Priest" by his confederates in the society of Paris and then confided a fact which proves how superlatively is the Duke. "He belongs to no club," she said, "in Paris, because the club is bad. They lead to the gamble and the gamble not away his mamma's money. He is so very good a young man."

Then she belabored her assailants. "This 'Cunliffe-Owen' who is he?" she said. "How should he ruin the reputation of this young man, the Duke, my friend's son? I have wished him to see that this, the country of my adoption, could be fair, and I am of the pain that so bad a thing should be done to a young man who has devoted his life to the arts and sciences, caring nothing for the society of women or of any one without his high ideals and noble doings."

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There were several Scotland Yard detectives at the meeting and they smiled cynically at Mrs. Fox's remarks. One of them turned to a newspaper man and declared that the police would see to it that the militant marchers did not get anywhere near the King.

The suffragettes at the meeting voted approval of another scheme to force the public to take notice of them. Their plan is to annoy pleasure seekers on every possible occasion. They will start a campaign of sympathetic disturbance in theatres, restaurants and moving picture houses.

Several hundred women jumped forward when a call was made for volunteers for the new campaign.

After the meeting forty suffragettes hastened to Fulham Palace to enlist the aid of the Bishop of London. They quoted Miss Ansell, a "mouse," as saying that she heard "shrill and groans of uncontrollable pain" from the cell adjoining hers in Holloway jail and she believed they were from the militant firebrand, Miss Peace, who was being pumped fed.

Bishop Ingram was about to sit down to his dinner with a chaplain when the women arrived. He heroically allowed his dinner to cool while he listened to their story, after which he wrote a letter of inquiry in regard to this complaint to the chaplain of Holloway jail. The Bishop also promised the women that he would visit Holloway jail and investigate the matter.

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BRILLIANT BALL AT QUIRINAL

Many Americans Present at First Court Function of Season.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. **ROME, Jan. 26.**—The first court ball of the season, which was held at the Quirinal to-night, was a most brilliant affair. There were some three thousand persons present, among them many Americans. These included all the American women who have married Italian noblemen and Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond and daughter, Mrs. J. Sloan Fassett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Little and daughter of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Iddings, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Wurtz, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson Gay, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Abbott, Miss Means of Boston, Miss Margery Lee, Miss Katharine Tillman of New York, Mrs. Frank Cazenove Jones and Robert Shaw Oliver and daughter.

There was a dazzling display of jewels, costumes and uniforms. Mrs. Ira Morris, wife of one of the commissioners of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, was considered the best dressed woman at the ball. Her jewels were greatly admired.

Mrs. Morris wore a necklace valued at \$500,000. Mrs. John Hays Hammond's ornaments were diamonds and emeralds. She wore a tiara, a necklace, bracelets and a stomacher. She also wore earrings which once belonged to Queen Catherine of Russia.

The King and Queen watched the quadrille d'honneur from a dais, where they were surrounded by all the foreign diplomats, including Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador.

King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena passed through the ballroom and watched the quadrille d'honneur, after which they retired. Neither the tango nor any of the other new dances were indulged in by the guests.

TO ARRANGE ROYAL DIVORCE.

Swedish Officials Going to Russia to Dissolve William's Marriage.

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The Prince and his wife have been separated for some time. The Grand Duchess found the court of Sweden too slow and some time ago went to Paris to see her father. She has remained at the French capital ever since.

The Grand Duke Paul is the leader of the party which is planning for the marriage of his son, Grand Duke Dmitri to the Grand Duchess Olga, believing that the latter may be proclaimed heir to the Russian throne, as the Czarvitch is hopelessly ill of a mysterious skin disease.

The Grand Duchess Marie is also scheming for her brother's marriage and has become the best of friends with her father's morganatic wife, who enjoys the Bavarian title of the Countess of Hohenstein.

Evening Clothes for Men at Saks'